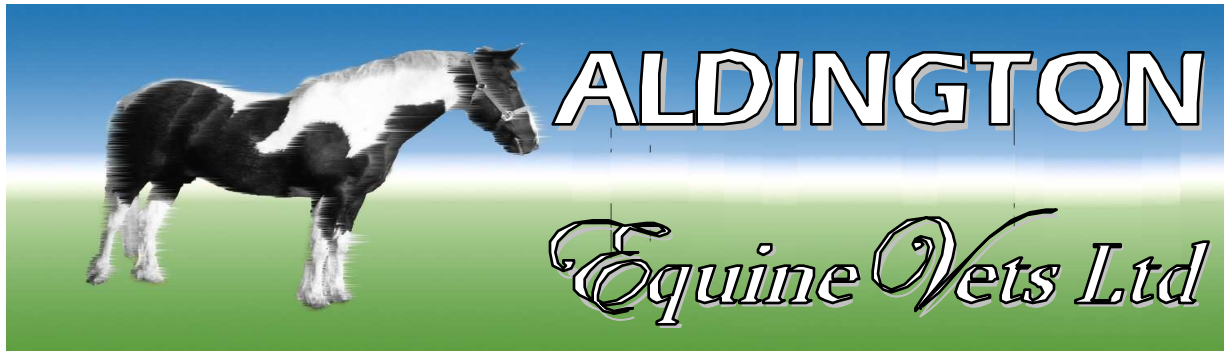


Welcome To



From 1st January 2005
Call 01254 888600

What's Happening

Dalehead Lancashire Equine Vets will close down on 31st December and my new practice near Great Harwood will open on 1st January. Your horses' records will be transferred over so you should still receive newsletters and reminders when vaccinations are due. Dalehead Veterinary Group will continue to operate from Settle as before but the office at End House Stud will close.

The new practice will specialise in horses and we will have facilities for inpatients and a shop at the new premises. We are within 30 minutes of Blackburn, Burnley, Accrington, Rossendale, Bury, Ramsbottom, Ribble Valley, east Preston, Nelson & Colne and we will cover all these regions plus surrounding areas.

The Vets ...



David & Lucy

I have been lucky enough to find a colleague with a keen interest in horses and five years experience in equine practice. **Sarah Heathcote** BSc BVSc MRCVS has been working with Simon Constable in north Manchester for the past four years and she has built up a reputation as an excellent horse vet in the area. Sarah lives in the Oswaldtwistle area with her husband Paul and 10 month old son, Samuel. She owns Jensen, a standardbred gelding along with two Shetlands, Zak and Zeus to keep him company. Sarah will be working three full days and two half days per week.



Sarah & Jensen

The Staff ...



Ally & Toby

Alison Younger will manage the office and shop at Great Harwood. Many of you will already know Alison as she has dealt with your visits and enquires over the phone at Dalehead for the past 18 months. Alison co-owns Toby, a coloured cob gelding.

My wife **Jo** will be assisting Alison in the office part time and attending to the bookkeeping. Jo is a qualified vet nurse and holds a diploma in advanced surgical nursing.

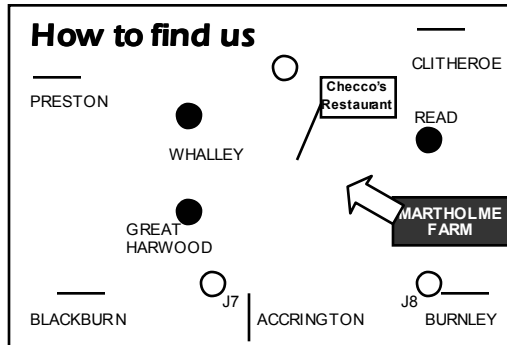


Jo

Job Vacancy....

We still require another employee to open the shop and office on Saturday mornings and to cover for holidays and illness during the week. Some computer skills, a good telephone manner and a knowledge of horses are needed. If you know anyone who may be interested, please call us.

The Premises



Builders have been hard at work over the past few months converting our premises at Martholme Farm. Inevitable delays mean that the examination and X-ray rooms are unlikely to be finished by 1st January but the stables and dispensary should be ready. It is hoped that the shop and office will be (more or less) completed by opening time.

The premises have excellent facilities including stables, an arena and trotting-up area as well as plenty of parking for cars and horseboxes. We are easy to find and less than five minutes from both the M65 and A59.

Opening Times

The office and shop will be open 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12noon on Saturday. Please feel free to call in and see us if you are passing. Special arrangements will be made for collection of medicines outside office hours. Please call during these hours with any general queries or to arrange non-urgent visits.

Contacting Us

Our telephone number is **01254 888600**. Please keep a record of this number in your mobile or somewhere handy in case you need us in an emergency. You should have received some stickers with this newsletter. We suggest you put a sticker on your horse's passport and make sure our number is on your stables notice board.

We will operate a full 24hour emergency service on the above telephone number.

You can also contact us by e-mail: info@equine-vet.co.uk or by fax on 08701 301264.

Our website will be available soon at www.equine-vet.co.uk

Services and Prices

All the current services including the half price visit days, free routine visits for livery yards, health plans, JMB height measurements and dentistry service will continue.

Prices will remain largely unchanged with some items reduced in price and a few slightly increased. We aim to offer a value for money service and every horse will receive a health check and dental check at the time of booster vaccination. Our policy will be to take payment at the time of treatment. This will help us to keep our fees and prices very competitive.

I have purchased an array of equipment to ensure the new practice is fully kitted out for all requirements. We have a brand new lightweight high frequency portable X-ray machine and the latest in portable ultrasound scanner technology. I have purchased a new dental burr from France which should make routine dental rasping simpler and more efficient.

The shop will be stocked with supplements, wormers and first aid items at competitive prices. We have selected what we consider to be the best on the market so you are not bewildered by an array of products which do the same thing and we will offer advice on the best products and wormers for your own horse's requirements.

Wishing you and your horse a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

David Aldington